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EDITORIAL

THE DAY OF LARGER THINGS! This is the note that is heard on every hand. Churches all over the world are sounding it, and the American Unitarian Association is keenly alive to the situation.

There are a hundred signs that show conclusively that we must open our eyes to the new kind of a world we are living in. It is the world of universal relations, universal needs, universal ideals and universal methods. The old-fashioned idea of "missions" is a thing of the past. The motive of modern missionary effort is a vast human sympathy, and every dollar that is now contributed to the American Unitarian Association means a better world to live in now and here, a wider opportunity for the religious spirit, and a sane and reasonable confidence in the hereafter.

We are dissipating the fears and superstitions of antiquity. We are releasing thousands of the slaves of past error. We are forming centers of religious influence where the children of God may live and think and act like the children of God rather than the children of ecclesiastical authority. We are sending our literature to all parts of the world, and we know we are not wasting it, for we are getting returns in terms of gratitude every day. We are teaching our churches how they may prove their faith by their works—wisely, unselfishly and according to scientific methods—through civic improvement, religious education and well-tested philanthropic agencies.

We are cultivating a new fellowship among competitive denominations and teaching that religion is fundamental and that all Christians ought to work together even when they cannot believe alike. We are fusing the religious life of the great ethnic religions by means of our international congresses and our efforts in foreign lands.

In these and many other ways we are justifying the existence of Unitarian churches and, through our manuals, books of devotion, and hymns, deepening the spiritual life of our young.

We welcome inquiry along all these lines and appeal confidently to the congregations that compose the Unitarian body for funds to enlarge and intensify this work—your work!

Surely in these days of world-wide interests, as well as in these days of a renewed and enlightened personal responsibility, we believe the individuals and churches of our fellowship will act promptly and generously.

DURING the month of December the Christian world observes a *season* in the interests of "peace on earth and good will to men." This "season" is very brief, sometimes confined to the limits of a single day. The inference might be that the great Christian nations of the world do not lay much stress upon "peace on earth and good will to men" during the rest of the year; or that, just for a few hours, they awake to the lofty ideals of the religious life, only to relax into unrestrained barbarism as soon as their Christmas candles are burned out. It is certainly true that Christianity as it is often expressed by "Christian" commercialism, "Christian" armies and navies, "Christian" ecclesiasticism, "Christian" bigotry and denominational strife and "Christian" vices, is not presented to oriental and other nations as a true expression of the life and teaching of the wisdom-guided and peace-loving Galileean. The Christian world is to-day a seething caldron of contending interests, whether we view it from the political, religious, industrial or social point of view. And many a student, like the late aged A. R. Wallace, is filled with a sense of helplessness and despair and in the anguish of expiring faith concludes that the world was never so bad as it is to-day and growing worse with the rising of every sun.

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IT probably is true that the world never seemed so bad as it does to-day; but it also is true that the world never was so severely judged as it is to-day. The standard was never so high as it is at this hour. What once was accepted as a matter of course, in international relations, in industry, in social relations has been challenged by an enlightened public. Former usages and methods, which excited no remonstrance are called upon to present their credentials. They are being measured and accounted for by the inexorable logic of a renewed sense of justice. And, one by one, that which cannot sustain the test of that logic is consigned to the outer darkness.

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IN short, this is a growing world—this Christian world of ours; and it is ten thousand times better to have to feel its growing pains of conscience and realize all its present agonies than to suffer the paralysis of an established and unchallenged code of human relations. It is better for China to-day to suffer the chaos of its new-born democracy than to enjoy for ages the static peace of an effete despotism. It is better for Mexico to be subjected to a period of ungovernable brigandage than to be content with the hopeless tranquility of a degraded peonage. It is better for the future of America that the horrors of legalized vice, the cruelties of unrestrained greed and the corruptions of political power should be revealed than to drift, because of indifference or ignorance, into the slough of national and civic degeneration. It should be remembered that back of all these symptons of disease there is a tremendous moral impulse of health, and the pain of it and the writhing of it are due to the efforts of a conquering vitality to create the tissues of an enduring organism.

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AND our own limited fellowship is assuming its share of responsibility. It is doing its part towards the over-coming of the evil of the world. It is lending a hand towards a more constant and permanent realization of true Christian peace and

good will. Our recent Missionary Conference in Channing Hall, the first of its kind that we have ever held, bore testimony to the existence among us of a clearer understanding of our duties and obligations in this respect. The Social Service Conference, which will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, December 3d and 4th, will set before our people their opportunities and duties with reference to the practical work in which the individual church may become interested. The exercises will be held in Channing Hall on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning and afternoon, while on Wednesday evening in the vestry of the Arlington Street Church a session of unusual interest will take place. Programs of this conference will be published in the "Register" and other papers.

Among the speakers will appear Rev. Charles Stelzle upon "The Call of the New Day to the Old Church;" George W. Tupper, Secretary of the Immigration Department of the Young Men's Christian Association of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, upon "The Church and the New American;" Peter Roberts, Secretary of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, will speak upon "The Immigrant in Industry;" William H. Pear, Secretary of the Boston Provident Association will treat "The Potential Social Power of the Churches;" Alexander Johnson, "Childhood's Bill of Rights;" Frederick C. Howe, Director of the People's Institute, New York City, "Our Changing Ethics the Social Basis of Life;" and the Rev. Paul Moore Strayer, minister of the Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, N. Y., will make an address upon "The Church and the City."

This is a remarkable program containing voices from different Churches and different organizations, but all aiming to emphasize the commanding opportunity of our time. Surely every Unitarian who can find the time to do so will attend the meetings.

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AT the recent meeting of the Universalist General Convention the President said, "The liberal church has produced splendid individuals, but we need individuals who can co-operate with other individuals just as splendid. Our fundamental weakness has been that we were churches rather than a church." The liberal churches have begun to realize the workable truth of the saying that with diversity of gifts there may be one spirit; and that only through a diversity which is united, and a unity which is diversified, can a church increase in strength and wisdom. We are beginning to appreciate our differences of talent and administration, and we want all our ministers and churches to have an interest in and an appreciation of all the others. We are attaining to a denominational self-respect and to the consciousness that we have as distinct a mission of our own as that which inspired our fathers to build the churches which we have inherited.

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. J. A. Cruzan died at Santa Rosa, Calif., on November 11th, in his 78th year, after an honorable career in the army during the Civil War and then in both the Congregational and Unitarian ministries. He retired a few years ago from the office of Field Agent of the Association on the Pacific Coast.

Dr. Curtis W. Reese was installed minister of the church in Alton, Ill., on November 13th.

Rev. Charles S. Bodwell, late of the Congregational Fellowship, has accepted a call to Harvard, Mass.

Mr. Herman F. Lion has accepted a call to Berlin, Mass.

Rev. J. R. Pennington, of Norfolk, Va., has accepted a call to Lynchburg, Va. The pulpit at Norfolk will be for the present in charge of Mr. Bowser, of Richmond.

Rev. L. M. Greenman has accepted a call to Quincy, Ill.

Rev. F. W. Holden has accepted a call to Haverhill, Mass.

Dr. Charles E. Witter of St. Louis will supply the pulpit of the church in Kansas City until January first.

Rev. A. C. Nickerson has accepted a call to Westwood, Mass.

Rev. J. M. Darnell, formerly of the Universalist Fellowship, has accepted a call to Hinsdale, Ill.

Rev. H. H. Schumacher has resigned at Iowa City, Ia., to accept a call to Helena, Mont. He was installed on November 23rd. At the same service Mr. K. H. Vartiainan was ordained as a missionary among the Finnish people in Montana. He is at present stationed at Red Lodge.

Rev. H. H. Saunderson, who is just completing a pastorate of eleven years at the Harvard St. Church in Cambridge, has received a unanimous call to Toronto, Can.

Rev. R. S. Barrow of Ridgefield, N. J., has accepted a call from Hackensack and will have charge of both parishes.

Anniversaries

The First Parish in Billerica celebrated its 250th anniversary on November 9th and 10th with appropriate exercises.

The First Parish in Dedham celebrated its 275th anniversary on November 16th and 17th. The anniversary sermon was preached by Dean Fenn.

The First Congregational Parish of Easton will celebrate its 200th anniversary on December 21st.

These occasions are wisely taken advantage of by the local societies for deepening the roots which run into the deep soil of an honorable past and for enlarging the interest of the people of the present generation in their rich heritage.

Buildings

The new parish house at Ann Arbor is practically completed and has already been occupied. It will prove a great addition to the equipment of the society.

The old parish churches in Chelmsford and Deerfield, Mass., have been completely restored. The church in Chelmsford was reopened for service on Sunday, November 23d. The church in Deerfield was rededicated

on November 28th, Dr. Eliot and Dr. Dole taking part in the services. The restoration of these old meeting houses has been accomplished with excellent taste and judgment.

A new organ has been installed in the church at Richmond, Va.

Plans have been accepted for the reconstruction of the church in Holyoke, Mass.

The designs for the new church in Atlanta, Ga., have proved to be too expensive and revised plans are now in preparation.

Journeys

Rev. W. Copeland Bowie, Secretary of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association, has just completed a journey on behalf of our cause in Canada. His itinerary began at Victoria, B. C., where the constituency of the little Unitarian church is largely British in origin, and a visit from Mr. Bowie was that of a friend from home to counsel and encourage. His visit was a real help to the cause, and stimulated the effort to build a chapel on the lot owned by the American Unitarian Association.

At Vancouver, B. C., Mr. Bowie preached twice and took part in the dedication of the new church building. The completion of this attractive chapel marks a new chapter of promise in the development of the movement.

At Calgary, Alberta, Mr. Bowie again preached twice and gave two week-night addresses, one under the auspices of the Calgary University. At Edmonton he gave one sermon and one address, and as at the other places counselled with the members of the Unitarian society on the affairs and prospects of the church. One week night address was given at Saskatoon and another at Regina, the capital of Saskatchawan, large and growing cities, where as yet there is no Unitarian organization. At Moose Jaw Mr. Bowie held an excellently attended Sunday evening service and a week-night meeting at Brandon.

At Winipeg the dedication of the fine new church and the meetings for the organization of a Canadian Unitarian Conference marked a new era of progress for our cause in Manitoba. Mr. Bowie preached twice in the new church and spoke at the Thanksgiving supper and at the Icelandic Unitarian church.

Continuing Eastward, Mr. Bowie preached at Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa and Montreal, and had opportunity in all these places to encourage the workers in the Unitarian churches and to interest the people of the older churches in the endeavors of the newer churches of the Northwest.

The advantages of Mr. Bowie's visit, as summed up by the Field Secretary, Mr. Pratt, were: "First, He brought a gospel of inspiration and optimism, interpreting our religious message in the spirit of sincerity which carried with it a persuasive power. He presented our message in simple, rugged speech, and the people who heard him went away feeling that they understood. Our own people were strengthened in their loyalty. Second: The newspapers announced and reported the meetings and printed interviews. The influence of the various sermons and addresses thus went abroad through the press. Third: Mr. Bowie's acquaintance with the missionary field in Canada means that the relationship between Canada and the mother country will be strengthened. Fourth: His visit will lead to a reducing of the shortage of Unitarian ministers in Canada by encouraging supplies from Great Britain. Fifth: The message of friendship

which he extended to those from the old land will help annihilate the distance and increase the sense of unity in our church in both countries."

On November 11th Mr. Bowie presented the results of his observations and experiences to the Board of Directors of the Association in Boston, and on the next day addressed the Boston Unitarian Club. He sailed for home on November 15th.

Rev. William Channing Brown, Field Secretary of the Association, spent the months of October and November in the Northwest. His first charge was to re-invigorate the society in Helena, Montana, which has long been without a minister. This was successfully accomplished, their courage was up-built, and the resources were developed so that the society united in a call to Rev. H. H. Schumacher, of Iowa City, which was accepted. Mr. Schumacher was in stalled on November 23d. Mr. Brown also visited the other Montana churches, bringing words of encouragement and good cheer. He attended the Ministers' Institute at Denver, Colo., and took that opportunity to visit the Colorado churches. In connection with the installation of Mr. Schumacher arrangements were made by which Mr. K. H. Vartiainen, who is working among the Finns in Montana, was ordained. Mr. Brown accompanied Mr. Vartiainen to his present centre at Red Lodge. Our work throughout the Northwest has been stimulated by Mr. Brown's visits.

Rev. F. M. Bennett, Field Secretary in the Middle States, has given most of his time to the work in Western New York and Pennsylvania. He has supplied at the two churches at Toronto and Hamilton, Ontario, which have been without ministers, and has begun the development of a new cause in Niagara Falls. He has also been at Dunkirk, taking part in the ordination of Mr. Henry James Adlard as minister of the Adams Memorial Church, and suggesting ways and means for promoting the work. He has visited Erie, Penn., attending the annual meeting of the parish and giving good and inspiring counsel. He spent a week at Meadville, speaking to the students, and also looking over the field at Franklin, Penn. The society there is now without a minister, and Mr. Bennett was able to make arrangements for the supply of the pulpit from Meadville. Mr. Bennett also attended the meetings of the General Conference in Buffalo and of the Middle States Conference in New York. For the present he will continue to give most of his time and strength to Niagara Falls and Hamilton.

Special Commission

At the Annual Meeting of the Association last May the President was requested to appoint a Commission of five persons to "examine and report on the status of the Association as to the legal and proper scope and limitations of its power under its charter, and to recommend such changes in any respect as may seem to them advisable." The President, under this resolution, appointed as members of the Commission; Hon. Leslie C. Cornish, of Augusta, Justice of the Supreme Court of Maine; Rev. William M. Brundage of Brooklyn, President of the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice; Miss Anna M. Bancroft, of Hopedale, President of The Alliance; Mr. Henry H. Fuller, of Lancaster; Mr. Henry B. Sawyer, of Boston.

This Commission has organized and expects to make its report to the Directors in the winter. The Com-

mission has primarily under consideration: I—The conditions of membership in the Association; II—The methods of nominating and electing Officers and Directors.

It is the desire of the Commission to take the widest possible counsel about these and related matters, and the Commission invites ministers and members of the Association who have any constructive convictions upon these subjects to communicate with the Secretary, Mr. Henry H. Fuller, 911 Barristers Hall, Boston. The next meeting of the Commission will be on December 16th.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee of the American Association has organized with Richard Webb, 96 Exchange St., Portland, Me., as chairman, and James Kingman, 52 Summer St., Boston, as secretary. The other members of the committee are as follows:— Emerson H. Addington, New Orleans; Rev. Harold G. Arnold, 54 Kenneth St., W. Roxbury, Mass.; Mrs. Morgan Brooks Urbana, Ill.; Mrs. Robert H. Davis, New York; Rev. Arthur Maxson Smith, Berkeley, Cal.; and Geo. B. Stratton, Concord, N. H.

In accordance with the resolve creating the committee the Secretary is ready to receive in behalf of the committee "suggestions and recommendations of names to be put in nomination" for the following offices to be filled at the next election, viz:— president; a vice-president from each of the eight following districts, Northern New England, Southern New England, Middle States, Southern States, Central West, Rocky Mountain States, Pacific Coast and Dominion of Canada; secretary; assistant secretary; treasurer; six other directors, four of whom must be from New England, one from the Middle and Southern States, and one from the Western States and Pacific Coast; and four members of the nominating committee, two of whom must be from New England, one from the Pacific Coast, and one from the Western States.

The resolve as it now stands (after the amendment passed at the annual meeting of 1911, to make it conform to the intention of the meeting which originally enacted it) contains no provision requiring the committee to put any names other than those of its own choice on the preliminary ballot to be cast by mail, but the committee will put on the preliminary ballot as a candidate for any office "the name of any person in whose behalf has been filed before April 1, 1913, a nomination paper signed by at least fifty Unitarians of adult age, provided no more than five of such signers shall be connected with the same church or parish," this requirement being the same as is provided by the resolve for getting names on the final ballot to be cast at the annual meeting. The same nomination paper with its signature may be used for putting names on both the preliminary ballot and the final ballot, if the double purpose is specified in the paper.

"Suggestions and Recommendations" to be of service to the committee should be sent in at the earliest moment and preferably not later than January first. The resolve requires the committee to issue the preliminary ballots "on the first day of April or as soon as practicable thereafter," and the ballots must be returned before May first. It is therefore obviously impracticable for the committee to wait until April first before approaching anyone in regard to the use of his

name, especially as the candidates must be taken from widely separated localities.

Department of Religious Education

The staff of the Department of Religious Education recognizes the development of means for guiding worship among children and young people as one of its most important tasks. The Secretary and Associate Secretary of the Department, with the President of the American Unitarian Association, are a central committee charged with the production of a new book of hymns and services for the Sunday schools and for home use. Work on this book is progressing satisfactorily. Miss Buck, in charge of the Division of Hymns, has secured from each member of the committee working with her a list of fifty favorite hymns. These are to be sifted and from them the nucleus of a collection is to be made. The Secretary of the Department, who is in charge of the Divison of Services, has in hand several new proposed services and others are in course of preparation. In order that this work may be as satisfactory as possible, it is well that a large number take part in it. It is, therefore, earnestly desired that all who will do so send in the first lines of favorite hymns, also suggestions, more or less worked out, with regard to services.

Dr. Hugh Hartshorne, of Union Theological Seminary, in his recent book, "Worship in the Sunday School," calls attention to the remarkable fact that very little has been done in the development of worship for Sunday Schools when compared with the amount that has been done in the arranging of proper courses of study. An effort to remedy this defect is being made by a "Commission on Graded Worship for the Sunday School," appointed by the Religious Education Association. This Commission is inclusive of many denominations and representative of the whole country. It is proposed that the Commission gather for a two days' retreat at the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge during the Christmas holidays, at which time the various members are expected to contribute definite suggestions upon assigned topics. The representative nature of the Commission is evident from its membership, which is as follows: Chairman, Rev. B. S. Winchester, D. D., Educational Secretary of the Congregational Sunday-School Publishing Society; Rev. Warner F. Gookin, Professor in the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass.; Rev. William I. Lawrance, Secretary of the Department of Religious Education of the American Unitarian Association; Professor Edward P. St. John, of the Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy, Hartford, Conn.; Rev. Hugh Hartshorne, of Union Theological School, New York City; Prof. L. A. Weigle, Dean of Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., whose book, "The Pupil and the Teacher," is highly commended by this Department; Rev. F. O. Erb, D. D., of the Free St. Baptist Church, Portland, Maine; Mr. Wilmot R. Jones, of Concord, Mass., and Rev. L. A. Bradner, of St. John's Episcopal Church, Providence, R. I.

The field activities of the members of the staff of the Department of Religious Education have continued as before. The Associate Secretary, Rev. Florence Buck, has visited New London, Conn.; Youngstown and Toledo, in Ohio; Detroit, Mich.; Humboldt, Davenport and Keokuk, in Iowa; Bloomington, Normal and Chi-

cago, in Illinois; Kalamazoo, Mich.; Montpelier, Vt.; Keene, N. H.; and Sterling, Mass. Dr. Starbuck has visited Kennebunk, Augusta, Waterville, Castine, Belfast, Bangor, and Houlton, in Maine. Secretary Lawrance has spoken many times in and about Boston and in Philadelphia. All three members of the staff have spoken in Providence, R. I.

Dr. Starbuck and Mr. Lawrance continue speaking every Saturday forenoon at Channing Hall, at the Normal Class meetings held in cooperation with the Tuckerman School. These Saturday lectures have been more largely attended this year than formerly, and the interest is evidently greater than last year. Many persons seem, even yet, unacquainted with the advantages thus offered and at almost every session someone appears who expresses surprise that such lectures are thus given freely, and regret that these advantages have not been known before. The course is drawing rapidly to a close, the last lecture occurring on the forenoon of December 21st.

A wholesome indication of the increasing attention that is being given to Religious Education is the fact that the Conference of the Middle States and Canada, at its recent session in New York, gave the first whole day to this subject. Addresses were given by Prof. George A. Coe, of Union Theological Seminary, Rev. Florence Buck, Prof. Edwin D. Starbuck, and Mr. David W. Brown. The interest aroused by these addresses was marked and the discussions which followed were full of vigor. Other conferences are considering the propriety of spending an equal amount of time on this important matter.

A new Bulletin to be issued by the Department is now upon the press and will soon appear. It has been written by the Secretary of the Department, and is entitled "The Ethics of Sunday-School Finance." Its purpose is to show how in the raising and spending of money by the school an ethical opportunity of the greatest importance is offered. Sunday-school finances are usually thought of as matters of vexation and anxiety. This Bulletin tries to show how, instead, they may be converted into opportunities of the first importance. The Bulletin is for free distribution and may be ordered in any quantity.

Department of Foreign Relations

The event of the past month in this department has been the holding of the Conference in Channing Hall on November 11th and 12th. It was a somewhat daring innovation, in view of the habitual abstention of Unitarians from foreign missionary endeavor, and the prevailing opinon among them that foreign missions are more or less of an impertinence, as well as a waste of effort and money.

The meetings, while justifying the faith and zeal of those who initiated them, yet showed by the small attendance of ministers and laity that the Unitarian body is as yet not generally or vitally interested in the foreign extension of its gospel. But this by no means discourages the leaders in this new departure in liberal Christian activities. They feel sure that they have initiated a movement of the greatest importance to our Unitarian churches, and full of the promise of usefulness in the mission field itself. It may take some years longer to persuade the average liberal of the necessity and

value of this participation of large-minded and progressive thinkers and workers in foreign missions, but a considerable number of the most thoughtful and earnest of our clergy and laity is already convinced of its desirability, and is expressing an interest, an enthusiasm which is most gratifying and hopeful. Think of a cause which is advocated by such laymen as ex-President W. H. Taft, Dr. Charles W. Eliot, Hon. Horace Davis, Milton Reed, Edwin D. Mead, and Professor Christie, and such clergymen as Revs. Dr. F. G. Peabody, Dr. S. A. Eliot, Dr. J. T. Sunderland, Dr. F. C. Southworth, Dr. Charles F. Dole, Dr. S. M. Crothers, Dr. J. H. Crooker, Dr. Lee McCollester, Lewis G. Wilson, Julian C. Jaynes, W. I. Lawrance, Thomas Van Ness, Dr. E. M. Wilbur, Harry Lutz, Minot Simons, H. G. Smith and A. Rihbany, not to mention twenty or more of our younger ministers. Such an array of witnesses testifies to the worth and importance of this movement and assures its continuance. Any doubts as to this would have been dispelled by listening to the admirable addresses and discussions at the late Conference.

Prof. Kirsopp Lake opened with an interesting presentation of the spirit and methods of St. Paul and his apostolic companions in the planting of Christianity, and found surprising parallels to it in present day religious conditions in the missionary field.

Prof. F. G. Peabody, in a fine and philosophical paper, pointed out that Christianity was the world's need, but it must be a Christianity in harmony with the insight and intellectual and moral demands of the present day, and one carefully adjusted to the racial and religious conceptions of the people to whom it should be presented.

Dr. C. H. Patton, of the American Board, gave a truly inspiring world-view of the contemporary work of foreign missions and vindicated them from some of the charges ignorantly and recklessly brought against them. Dr. S. A. Eliot portrayed the current attitude of Unitarians towards this question and pointed out its legitimacy, but felt that the time had come for a change in our relations as a body to the foreign extension of our principles.

Dr. Crooker brought his God-speed to the new departure. Prof. Anesaki of Japan made a keen analysis of missionary methods in the Far East, holding that the real issue now was less whether Buddhism or Shintoism or Christianity should be in the ascendent, but whether the new generations should be idealistic or materialistic, individualistic or social, ethical or anarchist. The missionary most heeded is one who could help solve these questions, and since this doubt and disbelief has mainly come to the Orient from the West, should not the West aid the Orient in overcoming it.

Rev. Lee S. McCollester (Universalist) gave a clear-cut, trenchant address on the theological changes brought about at home and abroad by modern science and scholarship and their influence on missions. Dr. W. H. P. Faunce, President of Brown University, made a powerful plea for missions based largely on his personal observations during a recent world tour. He also indicated the ways in which Unitarians could be especially helpful in the mission field and do a unique and needed work.

Rev. Charles F. Dole gave a well-reasoned and earnest address, in which he showed most conclusively why Unitarians must now forsake their traditional attitude of reserve and in-

difference towards foreign missionary work, and do their unique and just part in the world's uplifting.

Brief addresses followed, in which the Japan Unitarian Mission was represented by Rev. W. I. Lawrance, the Universalist Mission by Dr. A. W. Peirce, and a ringing word of approval of the Italian work of Mr. Conte was spoken by Rev. Louis C. Cornish, a recent visitor to that country. Dr. Charles W. Eliot, whose interest in this subject led him to attend one of the sessions, took part in the discussion, and described the readiness of the educated Oriental kind to receive religious impressions, and its pathetic eagerness to find solutions for its ethical and spiritual problems.

Rev. W. C. Bowie, Secretary of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association, gave a most encouraging account of the International Congress of Free Christians and Other Religious Liberals, and its meetings last summer in Paris. Rev. C. W. Wendte pointed out the opportunities for Unitarian service in China, India, Bulgaria, Syria and other lands, and outlined the proposed World Theistic Congress. He also referred to Dr. J. T. Sunderland's journey around the world in the interest of our foreign relations, and to Dr. MacCauley's endeavors in the same cause. Rev. Thomas Van Ness treated of the practical measures necessary to awaken the Unitarian body to a sense of its opportunity and duty in this matter.

We have not referred to the free discussion, led by Rev. Abraham Rihbany, Rev. W. H. Ramsay and others, which often proved enlightening. Altogether the speaking was of a high order and the spirit of the meeting was ardent, even enthusiastic. The devotional services and singing of spirited hymns added to the effectiveness of the occasion. It was felt that the Conference was in the best sense of the word a success. The only regret was that more of our ministers and laity could not have availed themselves of its instruction and inspiration. The "Christian Register" will print some of the addresses at the Conference.

Rev. J. T. Sunderland, having concluded his Japan visit, is now in China, and will go thence to the Philippines and Ceylon. Rev. Clay MacCauley also has been on a flying journey to China. After visiting Tsien-tsin and Pekin, Hankow and Shanghai, he sailed for Japan. We shall await his report and that of Dr. Sunderland with profound interest.

A Unitarian Association in Germany is now under consideration.

Department of Social and Public Service

The second social service conference organized by this Department will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, December 3rd and 4th. The day sessions will be held at Channing Hall, 25 Beacon Street, and the Wednesday evening session at the vestry of the Arlington Street Church, 351 Boylston Street, Boston.

The conference begins Wednesday afternoon, December 3rd, at two o'clock, Rev. S. A. Eliot, D. D., will preside. The general subject will be "The Social Mission of the Church." The principal address, "The Call of the New Day to the Old Church," will be given by Mr .Charles Stelzle, consulting sociologist of New York City. The discussion will be opened by Mr. Robert G. Valentine and Rev. Edward Cummings, both of Boston.

At the Wednesday evening session Professor Daniel Evans, D. D., professor in the Andover Theological

Seminary, will preside. The general subject is "The Coming Millions." The first address, on "The Church and the New American," will be by Mr. George W. Tupper of Boston, and the next, on "The Immigrant in Industry," by Mr. Peter Roberts, secretary of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association.

On Thursday morning Hon. Clarence E. Carr, Vice-president of the American Unitarian Association, will be in the chair. The subject of the session will be "The Church at Work." Mr. William H. Pear, secretary of the Boston Provident Association, will speak on "The Potential Social Power of the Churches," and Mr. Alexander Johnson of Vineland, New Jersey, on "Childhood's Bill of Rights."

In the afternoon Mr. Elmer S. Forbes will preside. The theme is, "The Church in the Community." Mr. Frederic C. Howe of New York will speak on "Our Changing Ethics: the Social Basis of Life." Rev. Paul Moore Strayer of Rochester will give an address on "The Church and the City."

It is always interesting to know something about the speakers at a meeting like this, and hence the following notes:

Mr. Charles Stelzle, who gives the opening address of the conference, was for several years secretary of the Social Service Bureau of the Presbyterian Church in America. He has always been interested in connecting the churches and the working men, and organized and conducted for two years the famous Labor Temple in lower New York. Mr. Stelzle is well known in Boston, and is one of the most forceful speakers in the field of labor, sociology and religion.

Mr. George W. Tupper is secretary of the immigration department of the State Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations. He has studied the immigration problem in the old world as well as in the new, and through his efforts thousands of new-comers in New England have been trained for American citizenship. No one in this vicinity can speak with greater authority on this subject.

Dr. Peter Roberts was a Congregational minister in Scranton at the time of the great coal strikes ten years ago or more. His books on the coal industry and the coal communities revealed his intense interest in labor conditions and quickly brought him into prominence. In 1907 he became secretary of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association with special oversight of the work among immigrants. He has published a series of lessons designed for the teaching of English to foreigners which has been very successful. He is a most interesting speaker.

Mr. William H. Pear was formerly connected with the Children's Aid Society of Boston. From this organization he went to the Boston Provident Association, becoming its secretary. He is the chairman of the Paine Fund administered by the First Parish in Cambridge, and is one of the most constructive of the younger group of social workers in Boston.

Mr. Alexander Johnson is a distinguished social worker, widely known as the general secretary of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, a position from which he retired only last spring. All his life he has been interested in work for children and has long been one of the leading American authorities upon child welfare.

Mr. Frederic C. Howe is a publicist and author of wide reputation. He has been a member of the Cleveland city government and the Ohio State

Senate and a United States commissioner for the investigation of certain civic and social questions in Europe. He has also lectured at a number of colleges and State universities on law and municipal affairs. He is now the director of the People's Institute, New York City.

Rev. Paul Moore Strayer, minister of the Third Presbyterian Church, is one of the leading clergymen of the city of Rochester. He is the fraternal delegate from the Ministerial Association of Rochester to the Central Trades and Labor Council. He was the organizer of the "People's Sunday Evenings," a series of theatre meetings which aroused great interest, and is a sympathetic interpreter of the church to the working man and of the working man to the church.

At the first conference there were so many addresses that there was almost no time for questions and discussion. This year there are but two addresses to each session, and it is hoped that the time provided for discussion may be used. The sessions are all open to the public and a large attendance is anticipated. Programs have been distributed to the churches and more copies can be had on application to the Department at 25 Beacon Street.

Publication Department

All persons interested in the writings of David Starr Jordan will be pleased to hear that his new book, "America's Conquest of Europe," has just been put on sale. This makes the fifteenth volume of Dr. Jordan's works, and is a noteworthy contribution to the series. It deals in general with universal peace and the part which America should play in diffusing our ideals of democracy throughout the nations of Europe. Altogether, "America's Conquest of Europe" should make a desirable addition to any library and should be especially useful as a gift book at the Christmas season. The price is 60 cents net; by mail, 66 cents.

News Notes

Boston, Mass.—On December 17, instead of the 3rd, as previously advertised, the Church of the Messiah will hold a Christmas sale and carnival in aid of the building fund in Parker Memorial, Appleton and Berkeley Streets, from 2:30 to 11:45 p. m. There will be an opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts at reasonable prices, and at 8:00 p. m. the Entertainment Committee will present "The Peake Sisters."

The following letter may be of interest to some reader of WORD AND WORK:

Treasurer American Unitarian Association,
Boston, Mass.

DEAR SIR:—A friend of mine has quite a large organ. It cost him $1,100. He has bought a new house, and finds he has no place for it, and therefore is willing to sell it for $500.

If you would like to see it, I would be pleased to show it to you.

Yours truly,
C. J. A.

Any person interested in this should communicate with Mr. F. Stanley Howe, Assistant Secretary, Boston, Mass.

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Lynchburg, Va.—The First Unitarian Church of Lynchburg, Va., was organized on October 26th, with the following officers: Hon. A. F. Thomas, chairman; Mrs. John H. Lewis, secretary; Mr. W. L. Gibson, treasurer.

This organization is the result of some months of missionary work on the part of Rev. Joseph M. Seaton and later of Rev. Julian R. Pennington. Our heartiest congratulations are offered to this new society.

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

Headquarters: Room 10, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Miss Anna M. Bancroft, *President*
Hopedale, Mass.

Mrs. Lucia Clapp Noyes, *Treasurer*
11 St. John St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton, *Rec. Sec.*,
25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Robert H. Davis, *Cor. Sec.*,
226 Windermere Ave., Wayne, Pa.

It seems to us fitting that we, as officers of the Western Canadian Branches of The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women, should express our approval and appreciation of the step recently taken concerning the name of this body. The omission of the word "national" removes all possible misapprehension and is a concession on the part of our fellow-workers in the United States which we acknowledge not merely as just, but also as an act of courtesy not to be overlooked by us.

In grateful appreciation, we are,

Margaret Cary Pratt,
Director for Western Canada.
Elizabeth Bailey,
President Vancouver Branch.
Mrs. Gaines Middleton,
President Calgary Branch.
Josephine H. Desilets,
President Edmonton Branch.
Gertrude Puttee,
President Winnipeg Branch.

International Work

Of all European countries Italy, at present, seems to offer an especially attractive and promising field for the liberal church, and the charm and willingness of the land and the people add to the interest. The work in Italy has long been fostered and helped from this side of the water, but a number of new ideas and suggestions have been brought forward, resulting from the papers read at the International Council, Paris, as reported by Miss Marquand, the Alliance delegate, from Mr. Wendte's enthusiasm and initiative, and by Mr. Cornish, of Hingham, Mass., who has looked into the Italian matter exhaustively.

Religious conditions in Italy are very rapidly changing, more so than in any other country in Europe, and religious affairs in and out of the political situation are of very great interest. This liberal movement centres about the work of Signor Conte of Florence and his able wife, whose presentation of the situation has created a strong impression of the value of the opportunities opening out for increased and telling work which is supremely worth while. In these new opportunities the Alliance women think the International Committee may have a part.

Signor Conte, who makes his headquarters in Florence, the most active and progressive of the Italian cities, is devoting every energy to the planting and nurture of small circles or groups of people in the principal cities, such as Siena, Venice, Turin, Leghorn, etc., who are, or are likely to become, adherents and believers. He has found the work of absorbing interest and real worth, and that the field is unlimited if cultivated under native ideas and conditions, which naturally differ widely from what is found in America.

Signor Conte is working with restricted means and has felt an especial need for clerical help in the publishing and mailing of his little paper,

through which he reaches out to the "circles" and binds them together. This help has just been partially supplied by a member of the Waldensian church, who will work upon the paper and associate himself with Mr. Conte's purposes. The question of financial support is of course the most pressing. The present subsidy from the American Unitarian Association and the British Society, barely suffices for the needs of the paper, leaving little to enable Signor Conte to do the visiting and speaking which he feels is necessary.

Among other suggestions offered, with Mr. Wendte's endorsement, is that the Alliance should take one European country, for instance Italy, as it is understood the Y. P. R. U. will take Bulgaria, and assist in such plans as may be formulated. It has been asked, to begin with, that items of interest be sent to Mr. Conte's paper, and that Madam Conte's hands should be strengthened in the special part of the work she is so enthusiastically carrying on. A closer bond of sympathy would be formed, and financial help could be extended in a judicious way.

MARY FIFIELD KING.

The Students' Committee of the New York League

As a result of the recent advertising of Unitarian Headquarters, 104 East 20th Street, New York City, conducted in the daily press by the Middle States Conference and the New York League of Unitarian Women, many requests have been received for liberal literature and for information. Since many calls have come from persons requiring personal care and follow-up work, it has been deemed advisable to form a Special Committee in the League to meet this need this year. It has been named the Students' Committee, and is composed of Mrs. Jeanie R. Wells, Chairman, 67 Monroe St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Harry L. Way, 614 West 162th St., New York City, and Mrs. S. T. Jones, 331 Bayway, Elizabeth, N. J.

As each name is presented to the Committee it is card indexed, and sent to the President of the Alliance Branch nearest to the place of residence. She then becomes personally responsible, placing the name in the hands of whatever Branch Committee can be of most intimate service to the individual, and reporting back what is done to the Students' Committee, so that complete record may be kept.

The Students' Committee will also keep on file at Headquarters a list of Unitarian homes, in or about New York City, open to students and workers, either as members of the family, as boarders, or as lodgers, where the younger ones may be assured of safe, wholesome surroundings, and those older of a congenial atmosphere. Additions to this list will be gratefully received by the Committee. At present the work of the Students' Committee is, of necessity, largely experimental, but provision has been made to carry it on under wider scope in the Revised Constitution of the League, which will take effect next year.

As the name Students' Committee does not seem sufficiently comprehensive, that of Unitarian Extension and Fellowship Committee has been selected. It will consist of the Sixth Vice-President of the League as Chairman, and six members, and will co-operate in every possible way with the corresponding committee of the Alliance. When the long-dreamed-of

permanent Headquarters shall have become a reality, it is hoped this Committee will have available rooms in them for transient and resident Unitarians, among the latter to be the League Clerk. This position is now held by Miss Anna L. Wentz, a Tuckerman graduate, singularly fitted to undertake all that the League trusts in the near future to require of her. Thus far the names of those seeking spiritual aid have come chiefly through Miss Wentz at Headquarters, who after an immediate response, passes them over to the Students' Committee for further care and interest.

It seems probable that the work of the Committee will have to be enlarged through the formation of a Sub-Committee of volunteer Friendly Visitors, to fill an unlooked-for need. The mission of this Sub-Committee will be to look after League members who are ill, lonely, or require the care of someone to take them to and from meetings, being too frail to attend of themselves, while longing to go.

The League is to be congratulated on the members consenting to serve on the present Committee, for the courage and will to do possessed by them will surmount all obstacles, and carry it triumphantly forward to a greater field of work and achievement.

LAURA R. DONNELL,
President of the New York League of Unitarian Women.

An urgent plea has gone out to our branches from the Post Office Mission Committee, and if this plan is cordially adopted by our branches, I believe that in ten years we shall feel the result in increased loyalty and effectiveness. This plan for a new form of distribution was presented at the last Annual Meeting of The Alliance and is outlined on page 43 of the Manual. Because our local members seem not to know clearly what we are doing as a Unitarian body, our religion must be embodied not only in our local church but in broader interest in the organizations of our denomination. Our young people want broad views, but they want them defined. We must depend largely on the printed word for this definite knowledge, therefore the method of its circulation deserves the serious consideration which the branches are now asked to give to it.

MABEL DELANO,
Chairman of the Post Office Mission Committee.

The Alliance pin has already shown its value at several Conferences, and the Badge Committee is hoping to receive orders for pins from the Alliance branches not yet heard from in the United States and Canada. Orders may be sent to Mrs. C. S. Atherton, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., with the accompanying cheques made out in her name. Any branch caring to see a sample of the pin may send 25 cents in stamps to Mrs. Atherton for one of the plated pins. The 10 karat gold pins are priced at $1.25, and the plated pins at 25 cents, but both pins look exactly alike. As the cheque must accompany the order, some of the branches are advancing the money from their Treasury, and sending for the pins. Let each of our Presidents rally to the cause and see to it that every member of her branch has a pin. Here is a chance for us to cast aside the Unitarian dislike for adornment of that sort, and "rise to the occasion" of showing our loyalty to whatever may help along the cause of enthusiasm in our ranks.

IDA SLADE,
Chairman Badge Committee.
Flushing, N. Y.

The regular meeting of the Executive Board on November 14th was well attended. Miss Bancroft presided.

Two new life members were reported, Mrs. William H. Burger and Mrs. Harriet A. Marsh, both of Newburgh, New York.

The Corresponding Secretary, in speaking of her recent visits in Michigan and Ohio, dwelt on the usefulness of the addition to the church building at Ann Arbor, to which the branches contributed last year. This gives the needed opportunity to meet young people, including the college students, and it was an excellent work for The Alliance to do. The appeal for Ann Arbor is not quite completed.

The Study Class Committee reported that the leaflet containing devotional services for opening Alliance meetings is not yet ready. Inquiries are constantly coming from branch workers, and it is a source of regret that the hopes raised last May and later renewed cannot be at once satisfied. Leaflet No. V. will not be reprinted.

An appeal for $500 for a parsonage at Norton, Mass., is recommended to the branches.

The Southern Missionary Committee reported that Mr. Robinson at Swansboro is giving a series of sermons that have aroused interest and increased the attendance. Mr. Key and Mr. Cowan have met their regular appointments. The interior of the Shelter Neck church has been renovated, through contributions from the Sunday school at Canton, Mass. A part of this money was forwarded by Miss Crehore just before her death. A memorial service was held in honor of Mrs. Fifield and Miss Crehore, and the tablet given by Mary Fifield King was presented. This will be placed on the wall of the church when the one to be given for Miss Crehore has been received. A similar tablet in memory of Miss Sophia W. French has been received for the Swansboro church.

Marianna, the place to which Mr. McHale has moved, has three thousand inhabitants and no public library. A store has been offered for the purpose and books will be welcomed. They may be sent to Rev. F. M. McHale, Marianna, Florida, by mail, express, or freight. (It is the Louisville and Nashville Railroad.)

A new plan of co-operation was reported whereby systematic pulpit supply at New England women's college centres may be arranged by our Committee on College Girls and that on College Centres of the Association. The expenses will be met by an appropriation from the Billings Foundation. This means that effort will be made to have the Unitarian message spoken in a variety of ways, by many preachers, in our churches at Northampton, Norton, and Wellesley.

The committee does not confine its work to college girls and has asked for a more inclusive name, such as Committee on Fellowship. It reported that hopes for a student house in Boston seem about to be realized. The plan will be to have some sleeping rooms for the use of Unitarian girls, dining room privileges for a much larger number, and a house matron. Much will be made of a parlor for social gatherings and one where callers may be received by young women who may have rooms elsewhere. The idea of such a house is meeting the most cordial reception and is arousing great enthusiasm.

Headquarters Committee reported a record month for visitors at Boston headquarters, 573. And 77 books

were loaned from the circulating library, 21 leading papers were sent out, and 90 letters were written. A bond has been purchased from the memorial fund, Niagara, Lockport, and Ontario Power Co.

Manuals have been sent to officers and committees of The Alliance, to life members, and to branch officers. A few remain that will be sold at cost price, 25 cents each, to workers who may desire them.

Dr. Wendte appealed to the Board to take an active interest in missionary work in Italy, and the matter was referred to the International Committee for consideration and report.

The Board put on record its appreciation of the life and work of Mrs. Isabel C. Barrows, who was at one time the secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary. Hers was a large and efficient service. In the announcement of her death made by her daughter stand these words: "The comrades of a lifetime rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be December 12th.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

The following Christmas thought, written by a member of the Washington church and printed on an attractive card, is for sale in aid of the Memorial Parish House, at fifteen cents per copy. Address Mrs. Sarah E. Stevens, Hotel Hamilton, Washington, D. C.:

For Christian love of all mankind,
For reason's sway, an "open mind";
For hands in loving service lent,
For feet on Mercy's errands spent;
Renunciation of the Self,
Its love of Power, Place and Pelf,
Strict watch o'er thought and word and deed;
From Avarice, Pride and Envy freed—
This be a wish in humble rhyme
For this and every Christmas time.

The secretary of the Chelmsford, Massachusetts, Branch writes that this old church is preparing for its 260th anniversary in 1915 by extensively remodelling its beautiful old Colonial church. Five hundred dollars was contributed by the little Alliance Branch of twenty-five members.

Unitarian friends passing through New York are urged to remember the New York League "At Home" afternoons, from 3 to 5, at 104 E. 20th St., the last Monday of each month, from November to May, inclusive. On January 26, 1914, instead of the regular at home, there will be a President's Day at the Church of the Messiah.

Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton brought the greetings of the Alliance to the Second Interdenominational Luncheon in People's Temple, Boston, on November 20. The roll call showed seven denominations represented as follows: Episcopalians, 14; Presbyterians, 16; Universalists, 37; Baptists, 48; Methodists, 63; Congregationalists, 68; Unitarians, 138.

(From the report of the Secretary, Mrs. W. U. Lawson, of the Alliance Meeting of the Middle States Conference,, Nov. 10, 1913):

Mrs. Harding made a plea for a wider recognition of the place of the Junior Branch Alliance. She asked, "Are you looking to the girls to take up the work of the Branch Alliance?" She suggested that the small girls be banded together as Sun-beams, or

Blue Birds, and that the girls from twelve to twenty-one form the Junior Branch. Teach these how to conduct business meetings. Get them interested in Cheerful Letter work. Arrange for them to serve tea at the Branch Alliance meetings. Make them feel that they are a part of the Senior Branch and every fall have the acceptance of Junior members into the Alliance. Admit any girl to the Junior Branch who wishes to belong, but let her understand that it is a Unitarian Church organization.

Dr. Merle St. Croix Wright spoke on "The Forward Movement of the New York League of Unitarian Women and what it means." Dr. Wright said, "he might well take for his text, 'Quench not the spirit.'" The Forward Movement, means aim and direction. The word movement, not only from east to west but the world about the sun. Women are always on the level, and aiming upward and on. With the work being done in New York today, why shouldn't we be making a mark in the spiritual world of to-day? "This League," said the Speaker, "is doing a great work of love and labor. This is a day of Women. The woman wants co-partnership in life, she wants the education of experience, not only with the old problems but with the new. There is a certain discontent in the League. The League wants new and adequate Headquarters. Headquarters, implies a head and a place; first, the conviction that new Headquaters are absolutely necessary, second, definite uses for the same. All these helps for public service imply sacrifice and consecration. We should not seek what we will not give. We should be borrowers on a good proposition. There is no question whether the League does desire; whether it has an implied ideal. We must put our "want" into ideals still higher. The question is can we justify Headquarters if we get it? Are you willing to pay the price, are you willing to sacrifice? You must administer better than a private concern. Wise enterprise is needed. Who is to say, "God speed you," if you desire to set up a hearth-fire for your brothers of the faith?" "I am still optimistic," said Dr. Wright; "put yourselves and your money in it." In conclusion he said, "I shall be as happy as any other angel if we can all enter that Heaven together!"

Appeals stand thus:—

Green Harbor, Mass., for preaching at Grace Chapel	$341.00
Meadville Students	222.00
Pacific School Students	234.00
Northumberland, Penn., for preaching at the Joseph Priestly Memorial Church	94.00
Ann Arbor, Mich., for a parish house	44.00
Farmington Me., for a parsonage	60.00
Flushing, N. Y., for church furnishings	41.00
Memphis, Tenn., for church repairs	83.00
Montego Bay, Jamaica, for a church	77.00
Ridgewood, N. J., for a parsonage	40.00
Edmonton, Alta., for church furnishings	455.00
Norton, Mass., for a parsonage	500.00
Vancouver, B. C., for church furnishings	455.00

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters; Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

Mr. Sanford Bates, *President*

Miss Grace R. Torr, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The fourth regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Young People's Religious Union for 1913-1914 was held in Room 3, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Tuesday afternoon, November 4, 1913, at 2 o'clock.

President Bates being unable to be present, the Vice-President for New England, Mr. J. Harry Hooper, was in the chair. There were present: Mr. Eliot, Miss Richards, Miss Sprague, Miss Simmons, and the secretary.

The secretary's minutes of the October meeting were read, and approved as read; and the secretary also read her report for the month of October, which report was approved.

The secretary reported plans for the fair progressing and urged all to take some active interest and to induce others to do so.

Miss Simmons, for the Union-at-Large, reported 69 copies of Word and Work sent for October, 18 of whom were new members.

Miss Simmons rendered a report for the Publication Committee that had recently met and looked over the printed material now on hand. Several recommendations were advanced,

VOTED: That the consideration of the report of the Publication Committee be laid on the table for one month.

As there were so few present to listen to Dr. Wendte's talk, on motion of Miss Richards, it was

VOTED: That Dr. Wendte be excused until next time.

The bills were next presented; and on motion of Miss Sprague, it was

VOTED: To instruct the treasurer to pay the bills that have been considered.

VOTED: To adjourn.

Grace R. Torr, *Secretary.*

South Middlesex Federation

The annual meeting of the South Middlesex Federation was held with the First Congregational Parish of Arlington on Sunday, October 26, 1913. The meeting was opened with a devotional service, conducted by Rev. Henry Hallam Saunderson of Cambridge, followed by the regular business meeting. The reports of the secretary and the treasurer were read and accepted. The Nominating Committee presented, through its chairman, Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge, the following list of officers and directors for the ensuing year:

President, Mr. Frederick M. Eliot, Cambridge; Vice-President, Mr. Harold Benjamin; Secretary, Miss Edwina H. Jewett; Treasurer, Mr. F. Stanley Howe; Directors—Billerica, Miss Anna Jaquith; Carlisle, Mr. Fred Robbins; Concord, Mr. George L. Prescott; Cambridge, First, Mr. Wallace O. Fenn; Cambridge, Third, Miss Esther Smith; East Lexington, Miss Pearl Wright; Newton, Mr. Horace Harrington; Newton Centre, Miss Theodore Roberts; West Newton, Miss Caroline S. Burrage; Watertown, Miss Ruth Locke; Waltham, Miss Ruth MacCarthy; Winchester, Miss Anna Tindall; Waverley, Miss Ella Kendall; and West Somerville, Miss Anna Ward.

It was then

VOTED: To accept the report of the Committee.

It was also

VOTED: That the secretary cast one ballot for the persons nominated, who were thereupon declared elected.

VOTED: That a committee of five be appointed by the chairman to consider means of increasing the membership in the federation, and to report at the next meeting.

Miss Anna Ward, chairman of the Federation Table at the coming Eighth Biennial Bazaar, spoke of the table, and asked the co-operation of all the unions in furnishing candy and services.

A vote of thanks was extended to the young people of the Arlington parish for their hospitality.

The afternoon service closed with an address by Mr. Sanford Bates, president of the Y. P. R. U., who pointed out that this was the age of young people. He endeavored to bring encouragement to their work, and emphasized the fact that there was a mission for all who were willing to take part.

Rev. Frederick Gill then invited the federation to adjourn to the supper room for a social hour.

The evening session opened at 7 o'clock, with a devotional service, led by the Rev. Frederick Gill of Arlington.

Rev. Henry Wilder Foote, secretary of the Department of Church Extension, gave a most interesting address on the place of the young people in the church. He especially urged the young people to take some active interest in their church.

EDWINA H. JEWETT, *Secretary.*

The Fair

The Eighth Biennial Bazaar is a thing of the past and will go down in the history of the Young People's Religious Union as a success socially and financially. While it did not net the coveted three thousand dollars, it brought willing helpers and discovered a mine of workers among our distant societies, for never before have so many donations been sent from so wide an area.

The young people around Boston have to bear necessarily the brunt of the work during the days of the fair and we certainly are appreciative of their untiring efforts. Miss Cline, the Chairman, wishes to thank all those who assisted in any way, and to assure them of her gratitude for their loyal support and co-operation. Great praise is also due the friends on the Pacific Coast, who rallied so generously to the support of that table, which of itself cleared one hundred dollars.

The fair opened auspiciously on Thursday afternoon, with a goodly attendance. Mr. Sanford Bates, the president of the Young People's Religious Union, introduced as the first speaker Rev. John Haynes Holmes of New York, an earlier president of the Union. Hon. John D. Long of Hingham, the friend of all good Unitarians, young or old, was the next speaker and expressed his warm interest in the young people of the denomination and his pleasure at having been invited to assist in formally opening this bazaar. On this occasion The Hymn of dedication, written purposely by Mr. Holmes, was sung for the first time.

In the evening, "Ye District School" was especially well presented by several members of the Boston Federation, which had full charge of the programmes for all the evenings and on Saturday afternoon. This federation, as in former years, also offered its hospitality to distant and out-of-

town workers and helpers unable to return home.

On Friday evening, a "café chantant" was well received, some Japanese songs by several young ladies in the costume of that country being highly commendable. The success of this evening's entertainment was due to Mrs. A. Isabelle Davis of Quincy, a professional in this line, who had consented to serve as director for this evening. On Saturday afternoon, Miss Margaret Sayward of Dorchester amused the children with entrancing tales such as the little folks all like. The dance on Saturday evening, enjoyed by a goodly company of young people, brought the bazaar to a close.

Now everyone is curious to know results; it is confidently hoped that the total will be about sixteen hundred dollars. In this connection, it may be interesting for comparison to note the sums made at some previous fairs.

In 1899, at the College Fair, $1,320.50.

In 1900, at the Holiday Fair, $882.96.

In 1903, at the Festival of Nations, $1,588.50.

In 1905, at the Scenes in Bookland, $1,123.67.

In 1907, at Biennial Bazaar, $1,735.81.

In 1909, at the Sixth Biennial Bazaar, $2,054.70.

In 1911, at the Seventh Biennial Bazaar, $1,713.39.

Inquiries are also coming regarding an "After Sale." There seems to be hardly a sufficient number of articles for such an advertisement, but the articles remaining unsold may be seen by calling at Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., where the secretary will be glad to dispose of them to purchasers.

Life Members

It has been some time since Life Members' additions have been reported. As a result of the special efforts of the chairman of the Life Members' Table at the recent fair, eleven new members may be noted, thus making our total to date, 221.

211. Miss Sarah E. Hersey, Dorchester, Mass.
212. Miss Edwina H. Jewett, Waltham, Mass.
213. Miss Florence Torr, Peabody, Mass.
214. Miss Emily I. Hargrave, Allston, Mass.
215. Mrs. Ruth Fay Child, Pepperell, Mass.
216. Miss Emma R. Ross, Los Angeles, Cal.
217. Miss Mercedes H. Torr, Peabody, Mass.
218. Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton, Roxbury, Mass.
219. Miss Margaret Bancroft Beatley, Roxbury, Mass.
220. Mrs. Helen W. Bates, Milton, Mass.
221. Miss Emily J. Cline, Dorchester, Mass.

Students' Reception

On Sunday evening, November 9, the first of the students' receptions took place in Boston. This was for the young women students, and was held in the Arlington Street Church vestry. Owing to an extremely inclement evening, only a small company came together socially on this occasion to meet the Boston ministers and their wives. Representatives were also present from the churches, the central Young People's Religious Union and the Boston Federation. Dr. S. M. Crothers of Cambridge spoke a brief word, after which light refreshments were served.

Notes from the Field

Yarmouth, Me.—"The work in our Union has started very well this fall, and I will send you some of the programs. Next Sunday evening we will go to Saco to return a visit made by their Union last spring."

Carlisle, Mass.—The Young People's Guild in Carlisle certainly is deserving of much credit in its efforts to supply the church and parish with a new, up-to-date organ. So hard did the members work that in early October a $1,300 Estey organ was installed and a recital for the friends and members of the parish was held to celebrate the event. Another recital is contemplated some time in December, when a soprano soloist will add to the enjoyment. For some time previous the Guild members were active in devising various ways to meet this expense. A birthday party was held, subscriptions were solicited, and finally Mr. Andrew Carnegie was appealed to. This gentleman, after many minor details had been gone over, agreed to subscribe one-half, provided the other half could be obtained. This feat being accomplished, the new organ is the result. Congratulations to the Unity Guild of Carlisle!

Dorchester, Mass., Nathaniel Hall Society.—"The Nathaniel Hall Society is a member of the Boston Federation of Young People's Religious Unions, a branch of the national organization. Organized in the fall of 1895 to unite the young people of the parish for religious culture and social service, this society for eighteen years has steadfastly pursued the ideals of its founders. It is to-day engaged in religious, philanthropic and civic activities.

The Guild Committee conducts the devotional services of the society. These are held in the parlor of the church at 7.30 o'clock on the first and third Sundays of each month. A short devotional service is followed by an address or reading, dealing usually with some subject of a religious nature.

The Lend-a-Hand Committee directs charity work in Dorchester, ministering to individuals and institutions in need of sympathy, cheer and material help, by personal help and by the collection and distribution of needful articles. Special collections are to be made just before Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

The Citizenship Committee will endeavor to aid the causes of good government and civic welfare through meetings for arousing the interest of the parish and will assist local work along these lines.

Believing that the social life of its members should not be neglected, the society holds each month, under the leadership of its Social Committee, some entertainment, social or dance."

Germantown, Pa.—"We are busy preparing for our fair, as well as trying to collect some things to send to Boston. Our Unity Club has the 5 and 10 cent table,—not an easy table to make attractive. Of course we shall have many things for the children, but we also want to have things for the 'grown-ups,' so we are trying to think of all the notions we ever heard of that will sell for ten cents."

Unitarian Temperance Society

Rev. Joseph H. Crooker, D.D., *President*, Roslindale, Mass.
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President Eliot on the Menace of Drink

At the close of the first session of the General Unitarian Conference recently held at Buffalo, President Charles W. Eliot made the following impromptu address. His striking words are worthy of our serious attention. This address will at once be issued as a tract for free distribution by our society. President Eliot said:

"It is quite true that I have taken much more interest in the temperance question in the last ten years of my life than I did earlier, and this increase of interest has come from certain studies and opportunities for observation. These studies related to the terrible effects of alcoholism in increasing the number of the feeble-minded, insane, and criminal in our American communities. Later, I had the opportunity of studying the German investigations on the mental effects of very limited doses of alcohol, doses which most people have always supposed to be completely innocuous. The German investigations seemed to me to prove that even twenty-four hours after taking a small dose of alcohol the time-reaction in the human being is unfavorably affected. Now the quickness of the time-reaction is important to every mechanic, to every artisan, and particularly to every person who is engaged in a dangerous occupation, like driving an automobile for instance, or managing a circular saw, or, indeed, in the tending of any powerful machine or hot furnace. Lastly, somewhat more than a year ago, I had a long opportunity of observing the difference between the white race and the Japanese, the Chinese, the Indian, the Malay, and some of the Mahometan people, in regard to susceptibility to the alcoholic temptation. The white race is inferior to all the other people I have named in regard to this susceptibility to the temptation of alcoholism. No observant person can travel through the East for a year without being shocked by the manifest tendency of the white race temporarily resident there to destroy itself through alcoholism. Alcohol is destructive in the highest degree to the white race in the tropics, and all through the tropics the white race exhibits a terrible lack of self-control with regard to the use of alcoholic drinks. It is mortifying to the last degree for an American to see intoxicated American soldiers and sailors staggering about the streets of the Chinese cities where we now have troops, and never to see a Japanese soldier in such condition; although the Japanese have five times as many troops there as we have. I mention but a single fact; but the lesson of the East is that the alcoholism of the white race must be overcome, or that vice, with the licentiousness it promotes, will overcome the race.

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